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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Dwayne Thomas Friesen, et al.Examiner: **P. Kulkosky**APPLICATION NO.: **09/380,825**FILING DATE: **September 7, 1999**Group Art Unit: **1614**TITLE: **Solubilized Sertraline Compositions**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111

This in response to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2000, the term for response having been extended three (3) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith.

In response to the Office Action, please make the following changes in the application:

In the claims:

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1. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising sertraline or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and an amount of a solubilizing agent sufficient to produce a concentration of dissolved sertraline in a use environment containing chloride ions which is 1.5 times higher than the concentration effected by a comparative composition of matter identical thereto but for the inclusion of said solubilizing agent, provided said solubilizing agent is not alginic acid, sodium